

**REGULAR MEETING
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 5, 2008 – 3:30 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Chairman Eugene Caldwell called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Eugene Caldwell, Laurie Boivin (late), Regina Washinawatok (late), Jeremy Weso, Kathy Kaquatosh, Keith Tourtillott, Betty Jo Wozniak and Gregory Askenette. MEMBERS ABSENT: None. Also present: Toni Caldwell, Karen Waukau, Colleen Fenn, Ami Nacotee, Richard Nacotee and Linda Peters, recorder.

2. Moment of Silence. Gregory Askenette said a short prayer.

3. Approval of Minutes dated November 4, 2008.

No corrections necessary.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to approve the minutes dated November 4, 2008 with corrections if necessary. Second was by Betty Jo Wozniak. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (Boivin and Washinawatok).

4. Enforcement and Resource Protection Committee referral:
Proposal for Funding for DV Prosecutor Position

Toni Caldwell presented her proposal to partially fund the DV Prosecutor Position. This position was not included in this year's budget proposal because the Tribe had submitted an application to fund this position with grant dollars. The Tribe did not receive notification that this position would not be funded until after the Tribe's budget process.

This position has a high case load with most of the cases being time sensitive. Time sensitive is defined as having to prosecute and issue restraining orders within a 36 hour turnaround time period for the safety of the victim.

(Laurie Boivin entered the meeting at 3:42 p.m.)

The committee reviewed the material that was provided by the Prosecutor's Office and it was noted that strangulation is very hard to convict. It is hard to prove that this is attempted homicide. The prosecutor's office is currently working on a strangulation ordinance with the DV multi-team and this draft will be presented to the Enforcement and Resource Protection committee when it is ready.

The committee agreed that this position is needed and requested that Mrs. Caldwell present a formal budget at the next meeting for consideration.

Kathy Kaquatosh informed the committee that the Finance Department will be presenting the final fiscal 2008 report to the Legislature at their December 18, 2008 meeting and then the committee will have a correct dollar figure to work with while amending the 2008 fiscal year budget.

(Regina Washinawatok entered the meeting at 3:50 p.m).

The application for this grant was denied because the notification for submittal for this grant was given two weeks prior to the deadline. The next application deadline is February, 2009 and the Tribe will have increased facts and numbers to compete with other application proposals.

The committee stressed that the Tribe should know when a grant application is due and the Tribe lost this grant. The Tribe now has to allot an additional \$40,000.00 to assist funding this important position.

The Tribe has limited funding and the loss of this grant could affect the outcome of re-securing this funding. The tribe needs to pursue this grant but we also need to make sure that the grant application does not show that we are trying to supplant this position. Applying for a grant has become very competitive and funding has become very limited.

Motion made by Keith Tourtillott to have the Domestic Violence team submit a more appropriate budget and that this proposal is tabled until we get the final 2008 figures from Finance to review the correct carryover amounts. Second was by Betty Jo Wozniak. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 absent.

5. Other Business.

No other business.

6. Adjournment.

Motion made by Keith Tourtillott/Jeremy Weso to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder
Chairman's Office